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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children Seeks Volunteers Information Session on Tuesday, Dec. 12 in the City of Falls Church**

FALLS CHURCH, VA. – Fairfax Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) for abused and neglected children will host an information session for prospective volunteers on Tuesday, Dec. 12. The session will be held from 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m. in the Falls Church Community Center (223 Little Falls St.).

CASA is a nonprofit agency that works with abused and neglected children that have been referred by the court. CASA currently receives a new referral once every 36 hours for a child that has been abused or neglected; there is a waiting list of 47 children in need of a CASA volunteer/advocate.

Volunteers must be at least 21 years of age; no prior experience is required and all training is provided. Volunteers visit the child twice a month, collaborate with other professionals on behalf of the child (social workers, Guardians ad Litem, teachers, therapists, etc.), write court reports, and attend court two to five times per year.

For more information about CASA, contact Meloni Hinnant at [mhinnant@casafairfax.org](mailto:mhinnant@casafairfax.org) or 703-273-3526, ext. 22. The City of Falls Church is committed to the letter and spirit of the Americans With Disabilities Act. To request a reasonable accommodation for any type of disability call 703-248-5077 (TTY 711).

**What:** Fairfax CASA Information Session for Volunteers  
**When:** Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2006  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m.- 8 p.m.  
**Where:** City of Falls Church Community Center  
223 Little Falls St.  
Falls Church, VA 22046

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